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MORE THAN 1 MILLION SPORTSMEN WILL HUNT MIGRATORY WATERFOWL

More than 1,100,000 sportsmen will hunt wild ducks and geese this year, the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior, predicted today. It based its estimate on reports just compiled of migratory-waterfowl hunting stamp sales last year.

During the 1939 season, 1,111,561 hunters purchased the \$1 "duck" stamps that must be carried by all migratory-waterfowl hunters over 16 years old.

This is the fifth consecutive year that the number of hunters has increased, Service officials said. In the 1938 season, 1,002,715 stamps were sold. More than 4,500,000 "duck" stamps have been sold since 1934, when the first issue was released.

The big-ten of the migratory-waterfowl hunting world last season was headed by Minnesota, where 120,034 stamps were sold. Others in the duck-hunters' big-ten were: Michigan, 86,064; Wisconsin, 84,075; California, 74,644; Illinois, 66,434; Texas, 63,460; Washington, 50,796; Iowa, 39,143; Louisiana, 33,870; and New York, 32,304.

About the size of a special-delivery stamp, the "duck" stamp is on sale at all first and second-class post offices and certain third-class post offices in popular hunting areas. No one over 16 years old may shoot migratory waterfowl unless he has in his possession a duck stamp which he has validated by signing his name on the face of the stamp.

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NOT TO EDITORS: Below is listed the number of "duck" stamps sold each year in each State since these stamps were first issued.

MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING STAMP SALES

	8/14/34 to 6/30/35	7/1/35 to 6/30/36	7/1/36 to 6/30/37	7/1/37 to 6/30/38	7/1/38 to 6/30/39	7/1/39 to 6/30/40	Grand Total
Alabama	2,533	1,403	1,914	2,889	4,940	5,833	19,512
Alaska	2,000	2,380	1,708	2,094	2,227	2,761	13,170
Arizona	2,332	1,760	1,736	2,363	2,919	3,555	14,655
Arkansas	11,973	9,134	10,268	11,799	15,342	14,401	72,917
California	39,525	33,297	44,570	52,577	63,394	74,644	308,007
Colorado	10,482	6,695	11,917	10,517	18,666	22,663	80,940
Connecticut	4,372	2,116	2,381	3,249	4,318	4,904	21,340
Delaware	3,600	1,259	1,115	2,001	2,576	3,164	13,715
D. C.	1,204	958	1,017	1,105	1,378	3,421	9,083
Florida	6,704	4,431	5,774	7,175	10,424	13,009	47,517
Georgia	1,540	730	816	938	1,387	2,569	7,980
Hawaii	137	97	96	155	174	59	718
Idaho	9,840	6,610	10,526	10,138	15,608	19,064	71,786
Illinois	42,687	36,337	53,251	51,333	57,538	66,434	307,580
Indiana	8,250	5,379	7,648	12,311	14,724	18,686	66,998
Iowa	16,129	18,910	27,294	25,427	36,267	39,143	163,170
Kansas	17,334	17,353	16,118	18,858	20,495	18,536	108,704
Kentucky	2,314	1,291	1,136	2,676	3,465	4,564	15,446
Louisiana	20,081	10,242	13,721	19,366	31,190	33,870	128,470
Maine	6,539	3,214	4,527	5,546	7,812	8,349	35,987
Maryland	6,575	2,831	3,358	4,360	6,861	8,993	32,978
Massachusetts	14,124	6,033	7,380	12,161	12,087	15,048	66,833
Michigan	25,348	14,796	31,482	56,888	80,458	86,064	295,036
Minnesota	51,536	44,062	72,460	97,609	116,461	120,034	502,162
Mississippi	4,703	3,154	3,168	4,855	6,306	7,591	29,777
Missouri	23,001	14,080	17,149	16,469	20,034	26,961	117,694
Montana	14,120	10,474	14,903	15,884	19,978	24,836	100,195
Nebraska	21,336	17,818	20,280	22,939	30,847	26,588	139,808
Nevada	2,513	2,272	3,398	3,921	4,899	5,608	22,611
New Hampshire	1,641	829	1,166	1,688	1,864	2,727	9,915
New Jersey	12,739	6,040	6,517	9,921	14,486	16,936	66,639
New Mexico	2,671	1,681	2,164	2,173	3,524	4,187	16,400
New York	21,502	11,917	15,470	23,286	29,825	32,304	134,304
North Carolina	4,964	1,995	2,865	4,344	6,362	8,564	29,094
North Dakota	5,947	6,581	6,069	9,513	13,167	15,148	56,425
Ohio	10,407	7,001	10,493	14,662	19,076	20,680	82,319
Oklahoma	27,862	8,824	5,967	21,005	19,675	19,740	103,073
Oregon	13,199	9,709	13,772	19,540	22,435	26,774	105,429
Pennsylvania	8,751	5,088	5,458	5,613	13,353	16,008	54,271
Rhode Island	1,794	1,074	1,177	1,477	1,824	2,641	9,987
South Carolina	1,800	1,944	1,680	2,353	3,653	3,634	15,064
South Dakota	12,594	9,461	8,025	17,639	22,334	21,849	91,902
Tennessee	6,918	5,024	4,754	5,366	7,813	8,615	38,490
Texas	42,424	28,150	33,481	45,357	58,704	63,460	271,576
Utah	7,133	3,672	8,123	9,185	12,685	14,520	55,318
Vermont	1,754	1,116	1,256	1,810	2,263	2,851	11,050
Virginia	4,628	1,792	2,251	3,052	4,538	6,767	23,028
Washington	29,033	18,980	28,396	40,606	46,151	50,796	213,962
West Virginia	566	396	419	446	789	1,037	3,653
Wisconsin	40,769	35,154	48,999	61,783	79,688	84,075	350,468
Wyoming	3,073	2,660	4,010	4,607	5,731	6,896	26,977
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